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This is in response to the office action mailed December 14, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 14, 2006 Applicant hereby submits the following response including the following sections:

A Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.